

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Regular Meeting of July 25, 2016

Oscar Yrun Community Center, Conference Room
3020 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

CALL TO ORDER

Shaundra Sanders called the meeting of the Commission on Cultural Diversity to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shaundra Sanders Chrysti Lassiter-Jones Frances Micheau
 Sigrid Limtiaco Gail Houston Lauri Owen

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Gwen Calhoun

OTHERS PRESENT: Zane Green – Guest

STAFF LIAISON ABSENT: Lee Elaban

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Gail made a motion to accept the agenda as written.

Frances seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF June 27, 2016

Sigrid made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Gail seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT - none

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- The Council is involved in making the City a healthy community. Several local organizations have partnered with the City in effort to work toward that goal. Council will hear a report on a health initiative study that was done by the County Health Department. One of the topics of interest is obesity, as it is a big health issue in the county. The study looked into the impacts of obesity on our community. Derek Jordan, the newspaper reporter who covers City Hall meetings will provide a summary for those that are interested but cannot attend the meeting in City Hall at 3 pm on Tuesday, July 26th.
- Cochise College is having an Active Women program focusing on leadership and communication on August 16th.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS/REPORT

- Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss desired December 2016 regular meeting date – 12 December 2016

- i. Christmas Around the World is Friday, December 10th and having a meeting that following Monday, December 12th would allow an after action report while the event is still fresh on everyone's mind and while it is early enough to have the least impact on Holiday parties and travel plans.

b. Vote –

- i. UNANIMOUS

2. Discuss moving meetings from 5:00 to 5:15

- i. There is some difficulty for some members of the Commission to make it to the meeting on time due to work schedules and travel times. Meeting at 5:15 would allow more time for everyone to make it to the regular meetings.

b. Vote –

- i. UNANIMOUS

3. Discussion of future Cultural events

- a. The Commission has the Cultural Heritage Fair in the Spring, will hold the first Christmas Around the World this December, and will wait to see what level of participation is generated by Christmas Around the World before hosting additional cultural events at other times during the year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Christmas Around the World

a. Flyers

- i. Will be based off of flyers from the Cultural Heritage Celebration but Christmas-themed
- ii. Give general information
- iii. Emphasize traditions and customs of different Cultures

b. Letters

- i. Will go out to Heritage Fair participants inviting them to demonstrate their Culture's traditions for the Holidays
- ii. Invite them to sit on the committee

- iii. Emphasis on learning about different Cultures
- iv. Lauri will get a letter drafted by Saturday, July 30 and send it to the secretary to get out to the commission for individual approval

c. Participants

- i. Provide summary of what info they will display and/or demonstrate
- ii. Invite people from Farmer's Market for food vending
- iii. Possibly request RSVP?
- iv. Food vendors might try to follow Christmas theme for foods
- v. Invite them to participate in planning
- vi. Can sell wares for nominal fee

d. Fees

- i. find out how CATW monies will be taken in
- ii. Budget line for Heritage Fair?
- iii. Budget line for CATW?
- iv. Speak with David Felix?

2. Discussion of Commission Meet & Greets

- a. Open up to other commissions to host
- b. 18 Aug 2016, 1600-1900
- c. Send out email invite with request for response

3. Discussion of Annual Heritage Fair

a. Discuss date for the 2017 Cultural Heritage Celebration – 8 April 2017

- i. Mr. Klien at Buena said 8 April 17, the second Saturday in April, works best for use of the facility and allows for ample planning time for the event

b. Vote –

- i. UNANIMOUS

c. Get more information on

- i. Grant possibilities for Annual Heritage Fair venue
- ii. 501c(3) for monies

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Nothing from the public at this time

CALL TO THE COMMISSION

Gail – nothing at this time

Sigrid – The new Colonel for the German liaison is in town as the old one is leaving

Lauri – sworn in on 30 June 16

Frances – Congratulations to Lauri on becoming an official member

Thanks to Shaundra and Chrysti for taking on the positions of Chair and Vice Chair

There is an upcoming trip to Cananea on 2 Sep 16 for commission members

Chrysti – Zwarte Piet (meaning Black Piet) from the Netherlands is the companion of Saint Nicholas in the folklore of the Low Countries. The character first appeared in his current form in an 1850 book by Jan Schenkman and is commonly depicted as a blackamoor. Traditionally, Zwarte Piet is said to be black because he is a Moor from Spain.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaundra Sanders', written in a cursive style.

Shaundra Sanders

Chairperson, Commission on Cultural Diversity